

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

These minutes are approved.

POWERS, MI

APRIL 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moraska at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Jim Moraska, Connie Wells, Kevin LaBonte, and Chris LeBoeuf, and Jerry Bartnicki. Guests included: Leon Felch, Dan Hammerberg, Randy Viau, Gerald Kleiman, Jim Nowack, Jon Liegeois, Jodi Peterson, and John Raab.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None given.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chris made a motion to approve the agenda with Jerry supporting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Chris made a motion to approve the minutes with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: All bills are paid and up to date. There will be an Election Training in Marquette on June 19th sponsored by MTA. Connie asked for funding to attend with one guest. Jim made a motion to approve this training with Chris supporting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT: Jerry presented handouts showing the Township's monthly balances (check register), breaking down accounts, cash summary, and balance sheets. Kevin made a motion to accept the report with Connie supporting. Motion carried.

LIQUOR REPORT: All is well in both taverns and the grocery store.

FIRE REPORT/FIRE CHIEF & FIRE DEPARTMENT: The department responded to 16 calls that lasted 11 hours and 11 minutes with an average of 6 members responding.

There was one regular meeting with 10 members present.

There was one training meeting that covered driving trucks and wildland pumps. Five members were present.

There was one out of Township training meeting: FFI & II, two members attended.

Equipment repaired and/or improved: a hose was added to reel to UTV 8, air bottles were refilled on truck 5, and turnout gear was cleaned.

The Fire Department is still awaiting award announcement for the 2024 AFG Grant.

CEMETERY/PARK REPORT: There is road washout from current flooding. Our Cemetery Sexton will be documenting all damage so that costs incurred from the flood can be submitted to the State of Michigan. Burials will begin as soon as the land at the Cemetery is dried up.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Our Assessor reviewed the results from the March Board of Review. There were 18 petitions received. The County Board has approved the 2026 tax rolls at their last meeting. The March Board of Review values for Spalding Township are as follows: Assessed Value for 2026 will be \$129,730,088, Taxable Value for 2026 will be \$74,717,417. The Assessed Value for 2025 was \$124,132,167, Taxable Value for 2025 was \$71,179,497. The State of Michigan Inflation Rate Multiplier for 2025 was 3.1%, so the 2026 Taxable Value increased by about 1.9% more than the inflation rate.

Our Assessor inquired about purchasing 25 posts for fire signs from Lange. The cost per post would be \$15.09 per post (including shipping). The total cost being \$377.25. Jim made a motion to approve this purchase with Chris supporting. Motion carried.

For future reference, all inquiries regarding fire numbers will be forwarded to Leon Felch.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: None given.

OLD BUSINESS

BS & A UPDATE: We continue to be in a holding pattern and we will not be purchasing the service that includes Cloud capabilities for our BS & A Software.

PICKLEBALL COURT: We received a quote from Draz Sealcoating regarding crack sealing and painting lines for a new pickleball court and for the existing basketball court. A 2% grant has been submitted. If we are awarded the grant, we will proceed forward with the project.

NEW BUSINESS

JOHN RAAB: Mr. Raab requested approval for a State permit for selling raffle tickets on behalf of the U.P. Power Wrestling Club. The Board approved this measure and signed necessary documents.

STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR MENOMINEE COUNTY: The Township is required to document any damage incurred from the recent flooding. There has been damage at Veteran's Park and the Cemetery. A short discussion ensued regarding road closures and communication to Emergency Services. The Fire Chief will contact the County Road Commissioner to get further details.

BANNERS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS & THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S.A.: Any Township Government is able to purchase banners/flags for special events related to government holidays. The Township Board is looking into purchasing flags/banners in commemoration of American's 250th Birthday. Jim made a motion to place Chris LeBoeuf in charge of this, with Kevin supporting. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS (ROLL CALL VOTE): Chris made a motion to pay the bills with Jerry supporting. Roll Call Vote: Chris LeBoeuf, yes, Kevin LaBonte, yes, Jim Moraska, yes, Connie Wells, yes, Jerry Bartnicki, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Our Cemetery Sexton stated that banners for the Cemetery will be approximately \$30.00. We will purchase as necessary. Jim made a motion to purchase the banners, with Connie supporting. Motion carried. Jodi Peterson submitted a letter of interest for the Township Clerk position when it is available. Leon Felch mentioned that there will not be an Industrial Class of property added to the County. However, it will be added to the City of Menominee.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWNSHIP: None given.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Kevin supporting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Wells, Township Clerk

